

objection or rejection of record. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version of the claims showing the changes made herein, is attached as Appendix A. A courtesy copy of the complete set of the currently pending claims is also submitted herewith as Appendix B.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

- | | |
|----|---|
| | <p>35. A method for producing a chimeric negative strand RNA virus, comprising culturing a host cell transfected with plasmid cDNAs containing a heterologous nucleotide sequence operatively linked to a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of a negative strand RNA virus, wherein the host cell expresses a polymerase protein, and recovering a chimeric virus from culture.</p> <p>36. The method of Claim 35 wherein the host cell constitutively expresses the polymerase protein.</p> |
| C1 | <p>38. A method for producing a chimeric negative strand RNA virus, comprising culturing a host cell transfected with plasmid DNAs containing a heterologous nucleotide sequence operatively linked to a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of a negative strand RNA virus, and with plasmid DNAs containing nucleotide sequences which encode an RNA polymerase protein, and recovering a chimeric virus from culture.</p> |
| C3 | <p>40. The method of Claim 39 wherein the heterologous RNA segment is derived from another strain of influenza virus.</p> |
| C4 | <p>43. The method of Claim 42 wherein the host cell constitutively expresses the polymerase protein.</p> |
| C5 | <p>48. A method for producing a negative strand RNA virus, comprising culturing a host cell transfected with plasmid cDNAs containing a nucleotide sequence operatively linked to a binding site specific for an RNA-directed RNA polymerase of a negative strand RNA virus, wherein the host cell expresses a polymerase protein, and recovering a virus from culture.</p> <p>49. The method of Claim 48 wherein the host cell constitutively expresses the polymerase protein.</p> |